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Tuesday Morning, June 14 (Let the church... REACH OUT!)
8:30 Music For Inspiration—Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, Phillip C. Posey, director
9:00 Call To Order
Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, director, Nashville, Tenn.
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Dan Ireland of Huntsville, Ala., president, Alabama Baptist State Convention, leading
Prayer
9:15 Report of Registration and Constitution of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tenn.
9:20 Report of Committee on Order of Business—Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., chairman
9:30 Welcome—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
9:40 Response
9:45 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from other Baptist Bodies
9:50 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
10:00 Miscellaneous Business Session
10:25 Introduction of Resolutions
10:45 Executive Committee Report (First Section)—Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.
11:20 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
11:25 Music—Dean Wilder, director of vocal studies, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
11:30 President's Address—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00 Benediction—Wilbur Herring, Jonesboro, Ark., president, Arkansas Baptist State Convention

Tuesday Afternoon, June 14 (Let the churches reach out... TOGETHER!)
1:30 Music For Inspiration—Young Musicians Choir, First Church, Ada, Okla., Jo Ann Butler, director (Children's Choir Specialist)
2:00 Congregational Singing—J. Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, Ky.
Scripture (congregation reading together)—William R. Hann, Walnut Creek, Calif., president, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, leading
Prayer—Otis Testerman, Grand Junction, Colo., president Colorado Baptist General Convention
2:15 Election of Officers
2:25 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)—Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.
3:05 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, executive director, Nashville, Tenn.
3:15 Miscellaneous Business
3:25 Introduction of Resolutions
3:50 Historical Commission Report—"Our roots and heritage to elicit, combine and direct."
—Lynn E. May, executive director, Nashville, Tenn.

4:00 Congregational Singing—J. Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, Ky.
4:05 Music—Beverly Terrell, concert artist, Dallas, Tex.
4:10 Message—"Our Reason For Being"—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Church, Dallas
4:40 Benediction—Harold W. Sorrell, Jr., Clinton, Md., president, District of Columbia Baptist Convention
Tuesday Evening—June 14 (Let the church reach out... to all people EVERYWHERE!)
8:30 Music For Inspiration—Southern Baptist Singing Men, James D. Woodward, dean of music, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.
7:00 Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, state Baptist music secretary, Jefferson City, Mo.
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Ken McParlane Smith, Arlington, Va., president, Baptist General Association of Virginia, leading
Prayer—Ron Dillon, Parkersburg, W. Va., president, West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists
7:15 Election of officers
7:30 Miscellaneous Business
7:30 "Let the church reach out... by all means—to all people—everywhere!"
(Combined challenge of the Radio-TV Commission, Foreign and Home Mission Boards)
8:55 Music—Southern Baptist Singing Men, James D. Woodward, Shawnee, Okla., director
9:00 Message—"The World God Loves"—Frank Pollard, pastor, First Church, Jackson, Miss.
9:30 Benediction

Wednesday Morning—June 15 (Let the church reach out... with URGENCY!)
8:30 Music For Inspiration—Wieuca Road Church Choir, Atlanta, Ga., Jack Gantt, minister of music director
9:00 Congregational Singing—Jack Gantt, Atlanta, Ga.
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Lloyd E. Batson, Pickens, S. C., president, South Carolina Baptist Convention, leading
Prayer—Calvin M. Bailey, Pittsburgh, Pa., president, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania—South Jersey
9:15 Election of officers
9:45 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
9:55 Amity Board Report—Dorold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Tex.
10:10 Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, executive director, Atlanta, Ga.
10:25 Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, Richmond, Va.
10:40 Radio-TV Commission Report—Paul M. Stevens, president, Fort Worth, Tex.

10:55 Miscellaneous Business (Consideration of any constitutional change and other matters)
Election of officers
11:30 Congregational Singing—Jack Gantt, Atlanta, Ga.
11:35 Music—Wieuca Road Church Choir, Atlanta, Ga., Jack Gantt, director
11:45 Annual Convention Sermon—William E. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga., and president, Georgia Baptist Convention
12:15 Benediction—Robert Bateman, Columbus, Ohio, president, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

NO SESSIONS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—OPEN FOR OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday Evening—June 15 (Let the church reach out... by PREACHING, TEACHING AND WITNESSING!)
8:30 Music For Inspiration—Kansas City Massed Choirs, Duncan Couch, head of music dept., Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., director
7:00 Congregational Singing—Wesley L. Forbis, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., leading
Scripture (congregation reading together)—Thomas Sherrill, Minot, N. D., president, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, leading
Prayer—Milton Morales, Independence, Mo., president, Missouri Baptist Convention
7:15 Recognition of Past SBC Presidents
7:25 "The Challenge of Preaching, Teaching"—Combined presentation of the six seminaries and the Sunday School Board
8:30 "Every believer a witness into the world"—Combined presentation of Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission
8:50 Congregational Singing—Wesley L. Forbis, Liberty, Mo.
8:55 Music—Kansas City Massed Choirs, Duncan Couch, Bolivar, Mo., director
9:00 Message—"The Gospel, the Power of God unto Salvation"—William E. Hull, pastor, First Church, Shreveport, La.
9:30 Benediction—Richard Rogers, Lansing, Mich., president, Baptist State Convention of Michigan

Thursday Morning—June 16 (Let the church reach out... by the POWER OF HIS SPIRIT!)
8:30 Music For Inspiration—Combined Handbell Choirs, Margaret Luman, minister of music, Sharps-town Church, Houston, Tex., director

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FMB Appoints Mississippian

ATLANTA—Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Nichols were among 18 missionaries appointed April 19 during a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board at the Omni International's auditorium here. They were employed as missionary associates assigned to Korea, where he will work as a dentist. They are currently living in Clearwater, Fla., where he has worked as a dentist since 1960. They attend Skycrest Baptist Church there.

A Tennessee native, Nichols was born in Knoxville and attended the University of Tennessee there. He also attended the University of Tennessee (Continued on page 3)



Dr. and Mrs. Nichols

R & TV Commission

\$3.3 Million Center Dedicated Debt-free

FORT WORTH (BP)—The Christian world is entering a new era of electronic communications, signaling the beginning of the greatest evangelistic effort in the world's history.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said at a dedication of the agency's new \$3.3 million TV-studio and training center here.

The building—dedicated debt-free—is called the Paul M. Stevens International Communications Center and is part of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission complex. Stevens has led the agency 24 years.

Stevens brought the Radio-TV Commission to Fort Worth in 1955 with four employees. The agency has grown to become the world's largest producer of religious programs for radio and television, said James W. Waters of Macon, Ga., president of the commission's trustees.

The agency's trustees voted in their February 1977 meeting to name the building in honor of Stevens, said Waters.

Fort Worth industrialist Charles D. Tandy, national chairman of the Second Step Campaign for funds for the new building, told the crowd: "In 1972, Dr. Stevens, A. L. Scott, and several

others asked me to be chairman of a national campaign to raise \$3 million to build a television production center for the Radio and Television Commission here in Fort Worth.

"I took the job and Scott's Fort Worth campaign kicked us off with a million dollars. In 1973-74, 23 campaigns were conducted in 12 states and 6,311 people pledged \$3,378,000.

"Today, most of these pledges have been paid and the building is being dedicated debt-free. Equipment will be purchased as remaining pledges are paid and additional gifts given."

The television production studio and broadcast training center extend the size of the agency's older building by 43,000 square feet. The studio is the largest of its kind between New York and California, an agency spokesman said.

Total property value, when the building is completely furnished, will place the worth of the entire Radio and Television Commission facility in excess of \$5 million.

The traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony was replaced by a length of two-inch wide video tape. Cutting the tape were chairmen of the various fund-raising campaigns.

Taped greetings were heard from (Continued on page 3)

FMB Appoints 18 Amid News Of Cannata Release

ATLANTA (BP)—In a dramatic meeting highlighted by announcement of the release of missionary doctor Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr. in Ethiopia, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 18 missionaries, elected three missionaries (including Lewis Myers of Mississippi) to administrative posts, and named William R. Self of Atlanta, Ga., as its president.

The new missionary appointees include one Mississippi native, Mrs. Malcolm Nichols.

An estimated 14,000 converged on this city's Omni Auditorium, April 19, to take part in the board's first appointment service of the year, with 197 making commitments for mission service. About 200 others came forward to indicate willingness to hear God's call if He should lead them into some type of special service.

Three missionaries elected to new administrative posts were Lewis I. Myers Jr., named associate to the director of the overseas division; Ervin E. Hastey, elected associate to the consultant in evangelism and church development; and Harold E. Hurst, voted as associate to the board's medical consultant.

Hastey and Hurst are both missionaries to Panama and Myers served as a missionary to Vietnam before evacuation of that country.

Hurst has assisted the board's medical consultant on furloughing missionary status since Aug. 1, 1976. His new appointment was to take effect May 1.

Myers and Hastey will assume their new posts July 1. Since the fall of Vietnam, Myers has been on extended leave from the Foreign Mission Board while working with the Home Mission Board's ministry to Vietnamese refugees in the United States.

In sessions held at Wieuca Road Baptist Church, the board allocated additional \$5.2 million from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and appropriated \$182,892 in hunger funds and another \$186,100 from world relief money.

It also accepted a low bid of

\$1,491,890 by Barker Construction, Inc., of Richmond, Va., to build a new wing on the board's home office building in Richmond.

Executive director Baker J.

See Page 2 For Cannata Statement

Cauthen said latest reports on the 1976 Lottie Moon Offering showed contributions of \$28,038,804 had been received—less than \$1 million short of the record \$29 million goal. He expressed confidence the offering would reach the goal before books are closed on the offering at the end of April.

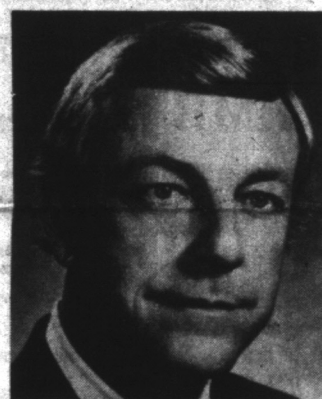
The most dramatic moment of the meeting came as David L. Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and South-

ern Africa, received word of the release on guarantor (similar to U. S. bond) of medical missionary Cannata by Ethiopian authorities Cannata, who had been held for 16 days after a

search of his home in remote Alem Ketema, walked into a group of praying fellow missionaries just one minute before the end of an around-the-clock prayer vigil in which the missionaries were praying for his release.

Cauthen related this account later in the day to the thousands gathered in the Omni. Addressing parents and relatives of the 18 missionaries ap-

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Lewis Myers, Jr.

Sullivan Declines 2nd Term as SBC President

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President James L. Sullivan announced here he will not serve a second term as president of the 12.9-million-member, denomination.

Calling the reasons "personal and the decision final," Sullivan, 67, will request that his name not be placed in nomination at the SBC annual meeting in June in Kansas City, Mo.

Sullivan, retired head of the SBC

Sunday School Board, was elected to a first term in office last year at the SBC annual meeting in Norfolk. Traditionally, SBC presidents are elected for a second term—the constitutional limit for the office.

"The ceaseless air travel, constant physical and emotional strains, and extended absences from home cause me to conclude that one term is sufficient and best for me and the convention," he told Baptist Press.

He expressed gratitude "for the opportunity which has been mine of serving the Lord and Southern Baptists in this manner" and said his "experiences as president have deepened my conviction that the Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest denomination on earth and that God has mighty things in His plans for the future."

Sullivan said he wished to make this announcement to allow "ample time for the messengers to give due consideration to names of other persons they might wish to nominate for the office in Kansas City on June 14."

The annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant denomination is scheduled June 14-16, with auxiliary meetings set to begin as early as June 12.

Only two other SBC presidents have served one term—K. Owen White, then of Houston, Tex., who declined a second term after serving in 1964, and F. F. Brown of Knoxville, Tenn., the 1933 SBC president, who also declined.

P. H. Mell of Georgia served longer than any other SBC president, 15 terms, 1863-1871 and 1880-1887. Jonathan Harralson of Alabama served the longest consecutive period as an SBC president, 10 terms between 1888 and 1898.

Home Board Appoints 6 Mississippians to US-2

Six young Mississippians have been appointed to two year terms as missionaries of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

The six are: Rose Lynn Allridge of Grenada, James Newell of Pascagoula, Judy Chin of Jonestown, James and Brenda Hearn of Clinton, and Charles Hines of Natchez.

They are among 28 college graduates who have been named to US-2, a special two-year missionary category. Most work in special projects for the Home Mission Board. And most begin their service in the fall.

Allridge, a 1977 Blue Mountain College graduate, will serve in Cincinnati, Ohio; Newell, of William Carey College, will serve in Orlando, Fla.; with his fiancée, Roberta Turner, of Mobile, Ala., also a 1977 Carey graduate after their marriage. Chin, a Baylor University graduate, will work in New York City, and the Hearns, both from Mississippi College, will work in Anchorage, Alaska. Hines, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, will serve in Jacksonville, Fla.

These and other mission appointments by the HMB in March and April, total 72, with seven career missionaries, eight missionary associates, 25 persons receiving church pastoral aid, and 4 receiving language pastoral aid.

Among the appointees is A. C. Queen, editor of the Penn.-Jersey Baptist, publication of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey. He will become regional director of evangelism in Carson City, Nev., May 1. He will work in Nevada, Utah and Idaho, cooperating with the evangelism departments of the Arizona and California Baptist Conventions.

Malesovas, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said 5,794 out of 6,603 available rooms had been assigned to 12,478 people as of April 14.

He urged persons expecting to attend the SBC, June 14-16, and its auxiliary meetings, beginning June 12, in Kansas City, to make reservations as soon as possible.

The 6,603 rooms represent a 400 in-

SBC Rooms Going Fast

crease over the previous figure of 6,200 from the SBC Housing Bureau, which has been trying its best to accommodate messengers to the SBC. Malesovas said. He noted also that some block rooms have been released, making more rooms close to the convention center complex available as of April 14.

Malesovas said the SBC Housing Bureau, at 1221 Baltimore St., Kansas City 64105, will only accept reservations in writing, not by telephone, until one week before the convention, when telephone calls will be accepted if rooms are still available. He urged persons expecting to attend to secure housing forms from state Baptist convention offices.

HMB Selects Key Cities For Nationwide Thrust

ATLANTA (BP)—Six major cities have been selected as "key cities"—major targets of concern—in the first phase of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Bold Mission Thrust to "evangelize and congregationalize" the nation by the end of the decade.

The six cities—New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Seattle and Houston—are phase one of a three-phase project involving 16 other cities. New York City is included in each phase.

Other phase two cities besides New York are Detroit, Washington, D. C., St. Louis, Atlanta, San Francisco/Oakland, Portland and Denver. Other phase three cities are Min-

neapolis/St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, San Diego, Boston, Miami and Kansas City.

"We are committed to giving high priority to these areas," declared M. Wendell Belew, director of the board's missions ministries division, who announced the selections.

"The selections are not a minimizing of other Bold Mission Thrust (BMT) opportunities, but an effort to select national priorities for evangelistic and church extension activities," Belew said.

Gerald Palmer, director of the board's missions section, said the key cities are one facet of overall BMT strategy, which includes projects and programs in many other cities and

counties across the nation, in conjunction with Baptist associations and state conventions.

"The key cities project is really supportive of the on going Bold Mission Thrust planning which is well under way by state conventions and associations across the nation," added Leonard Irwin, director of the board's planning section.

Palmer and Belew said much of the board's effort in the key cities will center on consultation and planning and will not feature much additional funding.

Belew elaborated: "There will not be a lot of new financial resources. We will, however, work with local leaders (Continued on page 2)

Court Says Teacher May Paddle Johnny

WASHINGTON (BP)—Local school officials and teachers cannot be forbidden to administer corporal punishment to schoolchildren, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled here in a 5-4 decision.

The slim majority concluded that the U. S. Constitution's prohibition against "cruel and unusual punishment" does not apply to spanking pupils for disciplinary reasons and that students are not entitled under the "due process" clause to a hearing before a paddling is administered.

The majority opinion, written by Justice Lewis F. Powell, held that the practice of corporal punishment in the schools dates to Colonial days and that the founding fathers had no intention of banning it. The practice is rooted in English common law, Powell noted, and is governed by the "single principle" that "teachers may impose reasonable but not excessive force to discipline a child."

Powell, joined by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justices Potter Stewart, Harry A. Blackmun and William H. Rehnquist, argued further than the ban on cruel and unusual punishment contained in the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution "was designed to protect those convicted of crimes" and not "as a means of maintaining discipline in public schools."

The court also noted that remedies are available to parents whose children are abused through corporal punishment, including "the openness of the public school and its supervision by the community." School administrators and teachers who abuse their role as disciplinarians are also subject to both civil and criminal sanctions, the majority stated.

Turning to the due process question, the court rejected the view that school children have the constitutional right to a prior hearing before a paddling is administered. To take that position, the majority held, would amount to "intrusion into an area of primary educational responsibility" that should be reserved to localities.

Justice Byron R. White, speaking for Justice William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall, and John Paul Stevens,

disagreed, saying that if the Constitution protects convicted criminals from beatings, it likewise ought to protect schoolchildren.

White accused the court majority of advocating the "extreme view" that "corporal punishment in public schools, no matter how barbaric, inhumane, or severe, is never limited." He also said that he personally favors spanking in some instances.

The case decided by the court was brought by the parents of two students from Drew Junior High School in Dade County (Miami), Fla., who were subjected to repeated paddling during the 1970-71 school year.

One of the students, James Ingraham, was given more than 20 licks with a wooden paddle which resulted in a blood clot. He was placed under medical care and missed 11 days of school after the beating.

Testimony presented at the trial led a U. S. court of appeals to conclude that the administration at Drew Junior High School was "severe" and "exceptionally harsh."

The high court majority ruled, nevertheless, that corporal punishment and that "the low incidence of abuse" by teachers makes the possible violation of schoolchildren's rights "minimal."

SBC Program

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9:00 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, state Baptist music secretary, Oklahoma City, Okla. Scripture (congregation reading together)—William D. Hillis, Baltimore, Md., president, Baptist Convention of Maryland, leading
9:15 Prayer—Ted Sisk, Lexington, Ky., president, Kentucky Baptist Convention
9:30 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tenn.
9:40 Seminaries Report—
9:45 American Baptist Seminary Commission Report
9:55 Education Commission Report—Ben C. Fisher, executive director, Nashville, Tenn.
10:00 SBC Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson, executive secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
10:05 Miscellaneous Business
10:10 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, Oklahoma City, Okla., leading
10:15 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.
11:05 Brotherhood Commission Report—Glendon McCullough, executive director, Memphis, Tenn.
11:15 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
11:35 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, Oklahoma City, Okla., leading
11:40 Music—Forbes Woods, minister of music, North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, Ariz.
11:45 Message—"By His Spirit"—Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Church, and president, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention
12:15 Benediction—Doy Jones, Wichita, Kan., president, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists

Thursday Afternoon—June 16 (Let the church reach out... with compassionate CONCERN!)

1:00 Music for Inspiration—A parade of evangelistic singers
1:30 Congregational Singing—Ken Bittker, evangelistic singer, St. Joseph, Mo., leading
1:45 Scripture (congregation reading together)—Don Moore, Evansville, Ind., president, state Convention of Baptists in Indiana, leading
2:00 Prayer
2:15 Miscellaneous Business
2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert Denny, executive director, Washington, D. C.
2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James Wood, executive director, Washington, D. C.
3:05 Committee on State Baptist Papers—H. Franklin Patchall, Nashville, Tenn., chairman
3:15 Denominational Calendar
3:20 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
3:30 Congregational Singing—Ken Bittker, St. Joseph, Mo., leading
3:35 Music—"Our World and the Gospel"

Address—speaker to be announced
4:30 Address—William Pinson, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.
4:45 Benediction—Raymond Lau, Honolulu, Hawaii, president, Hawaii Baptist Convention
Evening—June 16 (Let the church reach out... to the glory of God!)

6:30 Music for Inspiration—Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, Phillip C. Posey, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., director
7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn., director
7:15 Scripture (congregation reading together)—Robert F. Woodward, Winchester, Va., leader
7:20 Prayer—Mrs. Leroy Parker, Greensboro, N. C.

7:15 Presentation of officers for 1978—
7:20 Challenge, commitment, consecration service. Planned by Jesse Fletcher, pastor, First Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Combined Missouri Baptist College Chorus, Wesley L. Forbis, Liberty, Mo., director
9:00 Billy Graham, evangelist, Montreal, N. C., will deliver the "Charge" to the congregation
Benediction—Jerry DeOliveria, San Jose, Calif.

Medical Missionaries Urgently Needed

RICHMOND (BP)—Baptist hospitals in Gaza, India and Yemen critically need medical missionary personnel, and urgent requests have also come from other areas for medical reinforcement.

In Gaza, the need for a missionary surgeon is so severe that the work faces a definite crisis, said Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Gaza has only one missionary physician, and the hospital is staffed for one to two-month periods by volunteers.

Gaza also has an urgent need for a missionary nurse, Dr. Fowler said. (The medical consultant's office defines "critical" needs as those that adversely affect the medical work. "Urgent" needs are those that will have adverse effects on work unless met soon.)

SBC Child, Bus and Postal Service Announced

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Arrangements for preschool child care, bus shuttle service and postal service have been announced for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) here, June 14-16.

The preschool child care center, located in Bartle Exposition Hall just west of the SBC registration desk, will open 30 minutes before each session and close 30 minutes after.

Costs are \$3.50 per child for each session and \$2.50 for each additional child in the same family, with an additional charge for late pickup. If the child eats a noon meal in the facility, the charge will be 50 cents extra.

Bus shuttle service between the convention center and most hotels will be provided. As in previous years, tickets will be sold to those riding buses.

Shuttles will operate for the morning and evening sessions. Since automobile parking will be difficult to find within three to five blocks of the Convention Center, a spokesman in Kansas City encourages SBC messengers to use the shuttle service.

The Kansas City postmaster will provide a postal station in Bartle Exposition Hall, located near the registration desk, with full postal service from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the convention.

The hospital in Bangalore, India, has critical needs for a nursing administrator, a community health nurse, and a public health worker. The hospital in Jibla, Yemen, critically needs a medical technologist and urgently needs a nursing supervisor.

"Here in Yemen there is still an overwhelming need for a hospital ministry because the government is as yet unable to furnish enough care," said Dr. James M. Young, missionary doctor in Yemen.

Acute needs for additional medical personnel also exist in other parts of the world.

In Africa, nurses for various assignments are urgently needed in Tanzania and Rhodesia. Tanzania also has an urgent need for a medical technologist, and Ghana for a physician for hospital and out-patient clinic work.

Other medical personnel needed: a doctor, general practitioner or internist, for Tanzania; a dentist, a physician and a male nurse for Ethiopia; doctors and nurses in Rhodesia; a doctor in Togo; and dentists in Benin and Botswana.

Thailand has an urgent request for general practice physicians and Indonesia for a pediatrician. Korea is in urgent need of a public health or community health missionary. Other needs in Asia include physicians of almost any specialty and nurses.

Colombia needs an internist or family-practice physician and nurses; Honduras, a dentist; and Mexico, two nurses.

In several cases, resignation of medical missionary personnel have caused the critical situations.

"Despite the need for missionary doctors, Southern Baptist medical ministries overseas have continued to increase, Dr. Fowler reports. This growth is possible, he said, because of utilization of a greater number of national doctors and nurses.

Much of the growth in medical missions has been in preventive medicine, Dr. Fowler said. The need for doctors and nurses interested in this approach continues to be real.

Medical missionaries now teach in government schools. Two new rural clinical works have started and patient loads continue to increase.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Atlanta (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has made \$25,000 available to help victims of tornadoes and flooding in Alabama. Tornadoes hit four cities in Alabama, April 4, causing death, injury and destruction. "The extent of the damage is unbelievable," said George E. Bagley, executive secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, adding that officials estimate requests for aid will exceed \$150,000. Alabama Baptists have made \$75,999, available, he said.

Oulu, Finland (RNS)—More than 1,000 members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland have protested that they are being discriminated against because they watch television. The protests come from the parish of Kuusamo in the Diocese of Oulu, northern Finland. There, the Laestadian movement is very strong; its members consider watching television sinful because "the permissibility of sin is defended in its programs." According to a protest letter, some Laestadian pastors refuse to minister to those who watch TV.

WASHINGTON (BP)—By an overwhelming majority the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution concerning the freedom of movement of Soviet Jews and other minorities. The Senate had passed the measure earlier. The resolution, which passed by a vote of 400-2 in the House and 91-0 in the Senate, calls on the Soviet government to honor its "pledge to facilitate freer movement of people, expedite the reunification of families, and uphold the general freedom to leave one's country."

Charlotte, N. C. (RNS)—A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled constitutional North Carolina's program of providing financial aid to church-related colleges and universities.

NAIROBI, Kenya — David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong, president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), recently visited here in the first stop of an official tour of Baptist work in six countries. While here, he formally presented 6,000 feet of plastic water pipe, valued at \$1,000 (U. S.), to the Laburra Settlement Scheme, near Nyeri. The gift, made possible through the BWA Relief and Development Fund, will be used to aid farmers there.

Mississippi was among 16 state Baptist conventions which reported gains in attendance at world missions conferences during 1976. A total of 199 Mississippi Baptist churches participated in world missions conferences during the year, attracting 53,158, an increase of 1,464.

New York (RNS)—The No. 1 need for American Indians today is cooperation from educators, church groups and others to help them gain a positive self-identity, according to an Indian educator. Like many minorities in the U. S., American Indians are faced with an identity crisis which erupts in such diverse ways as chronic drunkenness or violent demonstrations by members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), said Dr. John Maestas, a Tewa-Pueblo, and chairman of the Indian Education Department at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

New York (RNS)—Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York joined the battle against prostitution and pornography right where it lives—in the Times Square area of the city—and called on residents to continue to defend their children and homes from a "dehumanizing" but "prosperous trade in filth and depravity." In a town hall setting that utilized the auditorium of a Times Square area Catholic school, the cardinal warned residents that prostitution and pornography are "destroying" the city. He urged strong community pressures on law enforcement and judicial leaders to restore the streets to the people.

Sullivan Gives Resolutions Procedure

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., has been appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions which will report to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), which meets in annual session here, June 14-16.

SBC president James L. Sullivan of Nashville appointed the committee in consultation with SBC vice presidents Dotson M. Nelson of Birmingham and Mrs. Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, N. C.

Sullivan urged all persons submitting resolutions to (1) do so in advance in writing, wherever possible, to help streamline the procedure; (2) check resolutions passed on previous conventions (in convention annuals found in many church offices) to avoid repetition; (3) consult whenever possible, with the chairman or members of the resolutions committee before a resolution is submitted to the convention; (4) be prepared to turn in a written copy of the resolution at the platform if it is made from the floor.

"These simple steps will avoid confusion and overlapping," Sullivan said.

Resolutions to be submitted should be sent as soon as possible to Daniel Grant, SBC Resolutions Committee, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923.

Time and place of the committee's pre-convention session will be announced.

Cannata Case Closed

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (BP)—The Ethiopian government has completed all investigations and closed the case involving missionary physician Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr., Dr. Cannata said in a telephone call to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Cannata was released from custody on a "guarantor," similar to U. S. bailbond, on April 19, following 16 days of confinement. Two days later he informed officials of the board that he had been formally cleared and the guarantor had been lifted.

"I was held for 16 days for investigation of a firearms technicality caused by a misunderstanding of a local official," Dr. Cannata said. "I was released on Tuesday, April 19, on the signature of an American Embassy official. My passport and all identification papers were returned to me," he added.

Dr. Cannata has a license to possess firearms to help rid some farming areas of destructive animals.

He said the police and other officials were extremely nice during the entire investigation. Mrs. Cannata was given "unlimited access" to her husband during his entire detention. Now, Dr. Cannata continued, the case appears to be closed without charges or a trial.

"I am convinced that the Lord was in it from the very beginning," Cannata said. "I have been personally blessed immensely." Dr. Cannata added he also had found many opportunities for witnessing while under confinement.

Dr. Cannata's questioning and arrest followed political developments in recent months which have resulted in house-to-house searches by government troops. Those searches, the Ethiopian government has said, are directed primarily at the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and three Ethiopian groups they blame for turmoil in the country.

The questioning of Dr. Cannata appears unrelated to any of these actions.

While Cannata was being detained, word was received that the government had granted a work permit for a new missionary pastor to enter the country. Davis L. Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, said he understood the investigation of Cannata did not relate to any official government position on Southern Baptists.

Dr. Cannata has been a pioneer of Baptist work in the country. Southern Baptist missionaries were first sent to Ethiopia in 1967. Dr. Cannata arrived the following year when he was transferred from Rhodesia.

MAY, 1977

Sunday School	WORKER TRAINING —Plan a review of teaching procedures for all age-groups. Use the "Guiding" series as a basis for study.
Church Training	SENIOR ADULT WEEK. Schedule May 22-29 as Senior Adult Week. One Sunday could serve as an emphasis on Senior Adults in the church program organization. A special workshop on ministries with Senior Adults is scheduled this week (see Mississippi Baptist Diary). At least one social-recreational activity should also be scheduled.
Church Music	Family Sing Service and/or Children's Choir Day. A congregational "sermon in song" that would be especially effective during Christian Home Week (Sunday or Wednesday evening). Another service may include a choir composed of families. A "recognition service" for children's choirs. HYMN OF THE MONTH: "God, Give us Christian Homes," page 397, New Hymnal
Brotherhood	May 20 PARENT AND SON MISSIONS RALLY (Program suggestions available from Brotherhood Department.)
Woman's Missionary Union	May 2 WMU SPECIAL DAY AND EDWINA ROBINSON OFFERING. (Prayer program for special items of interest to members of WMU, plus offering to make possible these special activities. Program materials mailed from WMU office in mid-March.)
Evangelism	"Linked Lives" follow-up led by Pastor and Deacons.
Church Administration	ELECT AND TRAIN CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE Purpose: to assure that the committee and church has ample time to select, elect and train ample church leaders before the new year begins. Resources: The Church Nominating Committee from Materials Services Department, Nominating Committee Kit, Baptist Book Store (See undated materials order form). May 2 Reminder: order literature for July, August and September
Stewardship	Plan use of study program course books during the summer. Encourage the study of OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. Order a stewardship materials catalog from SBC, Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37234, and plan for the use of these materials. Schedule a mid-year "Tithers Enrolment Week" or "Stewardship Revival."
Christian Action Commission	Observe Christian Home Week. Consider suggestions mailed in packet from the Baptist Sunday School Board. Consider using the Family Enrichment Series books.

HMB Names Key Cities For Thrust

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to discover needs and find ways of meeting those needs."

Palmer added: "The success of this effort is not to be measured in the number of dollars, but on whether we can join with these other cooperating units to share in the planning as well as in the discovery and provision of resources to meet the needs of the cities."

Key cities make up one of four primary targets of concern for BMT.

Others are areas without an effective evangelistic witness, cultural and lifestyle groups, and transitional communities with churches in crisis.

The key cities project has been divided into phases, Belew said, because "we will move faster in some of the cities that we will in others."

He added that in each of the 22 cities selected for the three phase program, the Home Mission Board will seek to determine national perspective, to suggest national priorities, and to create among Baptists "an awareness of a national concern."

"But, even more, in BMT the board will seek new places, new techniques, new persons—individuals endowed by God with the gifts necessary to act boldly to bring into hurting lost lives the good news of Jesus Christ," he said.

Palmer said the key cities were selected because of the "impact they make on the life of the nation as a whole." He said some of them already have done extensive planning.

Palmer pointed to Baltimore as an effort in cooperative planning which he said "could well be a model for other cities to use." The Home Mission Board, Baptist Convention of Maryland and the Baltimore Baptist Association have been cooperating in BMT strategies.

Baltimore also has a link to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, a pattern Home Mission Board planners hope will carry over to other key cities and county areas. In the linkup, the larger convention provides manpower and resources to the other area.

Don Hammer, director of Metropolitan evangelism, will manage the key cities project.

Board consultants, selected to work with each of the key cities in phase one and expect to be trained by early summer, will serve as facilitators to help in the planning process, Hammer said.

Selection of the key cities was based on a computer study, assistance from state and associational leadership and on-the-field inspection.

Volunteer Ministries

Needed: Retired couple who can spend the summer on church field just supporting the work in this mission station. The place is Belpre Baptist Mission; Mel Hobson, pastor; 5607 Grand Central; Vienna, W. Va., 26105. Vienna is a town of 9,000. The mission now has about 16 in Sunday School. With some supportive work, they could be averaging 50 in Sunday School. If you would respond to this need, contact Paul Harrell, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Phone: (601) 354-3704.

Cooperative Missions

Meeting Offers Migrant Ministry Beginning Help

The first Mississippi conference on "Ethnic-Migrant Ministries" will be held May 12-13 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.



Kauffman Program personnel are Russell Kauffman, state director of Christian Social Ministries in Florida; Ronell Owensby, pastor of South Carolina; John Dent, director of missions in Sumter, South Carolina; and Holmes Carlisle, director of missions in Scott association, Mississippi.

Kauffman will speak on: Finding and determining ministries, Discovering and training workers, and Accomplishing the task.

Owensby will discuss ethnic families in the migrant ministries and how does church become involved in this ministry. Dent will share slides and tapes on his ministry to migrants. And Carlisle will make a presentation about his involvement with migrants in his association.

The conference, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Cooperative Missions Department, begins at 12 noon, May 12,

and adjourns at 3 p.m. on the 13th. For further information, contact the Cooperative Missions Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

BROTHERHOOD

Memphis Is Destination Of State Mission Tour

The 1977 state mission tour being sponsored by the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will go to Memphis, on May 23, for an overnight stay.

Departure time will be Monday, May 23, at 9 a.m. from the Baptist Building in Jackson. On the way to Memphis the tour group will stop at Duncan to see mission work with Spanish-speaking people, at Cleveland to take a look at mission work with the Chinese, at Parchman to see and hear about the chaplaincy ministry at the state penitentiary, and at Southaven to see pioneer mission work in Mississippi.

After one night in Memphis, the tourists will visit the offices of the Brotherhood Commission, SBC, in Memphis. On the trip home they will stop at Grenada to hear about resort

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Training Day #3

The third TRAINING DAY at the Baptist Building is scheduled May 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the main auditorium of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

This is a continuing effort to provide training opportunities for church leadership. An award for the courses offered will apply toward leadership diplomas.

Conferences offered include: Working with Volunteers in the Church; The Ministry of the Deacon; Introduction to the Bible; New Church Member Orientation Manual; Church Leader Training Handbook; and Introduction to Church Leadership.

Also included are: Hymn Playing; History of Woman's Missionary Union; and the Understanding Series for

Adults, Youth, Children, and Preschoolers.

Faculty for Training Day includes Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staffers and Reggie McDonough of the Sunday School Board, and Howard Spell, dean emeritus of Mississippi College.

Lunch at the Baptist Building costs \$1.25. Books may be purchased at the conference. No child care will be provided.

Church Training Offers Retreat Planning Aids

NASHVILLE - A youth retreat in a box?

It sounds preposterous, but Youth Retreat Kits, developed by the youth section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department, provide nearly everything for a retreat but the setting and matches for the campfire.

The kits, which contain materials for planning, promoting and conducting a retreat for as many as 50 young people, may be the perfect answer for youth directors or youth workers who are scheduling a summer or fall retreat.

Four separate kits are available: Kolonia: Unique Christian Bond, Agape: Christian Life-Style, Prayer: Language of the Spirit and Loneliness: Search for Presence. Each kit contains leader's guides, worship guides, posters, recordings and other materials. Personal devotional guides are also available for use with two of the kits. Copies of "Be Still and Know" to accompany the prayer kit and a "A Very Present Help" for the kit on loneliness can be ordered for each young person.

Although the kits are designed primarily for weekend retreats, they can easily be adapted for overnight lock-ins, week-long retreats, youth camps or short-term study projects, according to Larry Yarborough, youth work consultant in the church training department.

All four kits and extra devotional guides are available at Baptist Book Stores.

CHURCH TRAINING

Exceptional Persons Invited To Retreat At Camp Garaywa

"Springtime Discoveries," a retreat for exceptional persons, their parents and teachers, will be held May 13 and 14 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton.

The program will begin at 5 o'clock on Friday and go through 4 o'clock Saturday. Registration will begin in mid-afternoon Friday.

Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant, work with exceptional persons, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Doris Morgan, consultant, North Carolina Baptist Convention, will lead discussion groups for parents and teachers.

The Saturday night program will include supper, group meetings, entertainment by a Washboard Band, campfire marshmallow toasting, guitar playing, and singing.

Saturday's events will include breakfast, the appearance of Smokey the Bear, a movie, group meetings, a visit to the camp store, lunch, talent show, and outside games.

All-retarded persons over eight years of age are invited, with their parents and teachers. As chaperones,

there must be one adult with every three (or fewer) retarded persons. Exceptional persons will stay in cabins at night with their teachers.

The cost will be \$10.50 for cabins or \$12.50 for guest house. This includes three meals and the pre-registration fee of \$2.50.

The retreat is sponsored by the Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Kermit King, director, and Evelyn George, consultant. The \$2.50 pre-registration fee should be sent with reservation request to Miss George at Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. The retreat will be limited to the first 50 special education persons registering.

Baptist Committed To Moscow Asylum

NEW YORK (RNS) — Aleksandr Voloschchuk, a Soviet Baptist who was protesting religious persecution in the USSR, has been committed to a psychiatric hospital, according to reports from Moscow.

Dissidents in Moscow also reported that a human rights activist who tried to come to Mr. Voloschchuk's support was arrested and charged with having resisted police orders. The activist was arrested as he appealed to a Baptist prayer meeting for assistance.

Mr. Voloschchuk was reportedly bound, gagged, and dragged out of a waiting room at the Supreme Soviet in Moscow on March 30 in the presence of his wife and three sons.

Dissidents have long reported that those who protest against USSR persecution are often committed to asylums instead of jails.

FMB Appoints Mississippian

(Continued from page 1) in Memphis where he received a doctor of dental surgery degree.

Mrs. Nichols, the former Jean Lee, was born in Meridian, Miss., and lived there and in York, Ala., while growing up. She was graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Nursing, Memphis.

The Nichols have six children. They are Julia Carolyn, Jennifer Ann, Sue Kathleen and Sharon Elizabeth, who are grown; Nancy Lynn, born in 1964; and Cynthia Lee, 1968.

Our Missions Task

Church Fund Handling

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department, MBCB

The writer has and continues to advocate that Baptist Christians in Mississippi do their religious giving to and through the local church. While the churches are not perfect, they are the strongest hope today for honest handling of funds given by their members. The following appeared recently in the Baptist Standard, weekly paper of Texas Baptists:

Campus Crusade for Christ and World Vision made it, but the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association didn't. "It" is the latest listing of organizations which met the standards of the Council of Better Business Bureaus for charitable solicitation purposes. According to a report in the March issue of Eternity magazine, Living Bibles International and Youth for Christ International also failed to meet the standards.

Those who failed generally did so, Eternity says, "Because they failed to disclose upon request current information about activities, finances, voting trusteeship, and accomplishments. Specifically, many groups did not provide an annual, externally audited financial statement and auditor's report." (RNS)

When gifts are made by check to the local church the member has access to the church budget that guides the treasurer in disbursing all funds. A monthly report is provided each member. Increasingly, our better churches are providing an audited annual report.

Human nature being what it is, all givers should seek the safest way to assure their gifts are properly handled and used. People who don't care about what is done with their gifts are most likely not all there!

Churches are doing well who take pains to see that all funds are handled and reported in such a way as to build contributor confidence. One is tempted to feel that members who send funds to quasi-church groups and later find that some person has absconded with them deserved exactly what they got! They were ripped off, taken to the cleaners!

Every penny of Cooperative Program money must be accounted for through public auditors and a published auditor's report is provided every church year in the Convention Annual. All state and SBC Boards, Agencies, and Commissions must also provide the Conventions an audited report annually.

Probably because of the traditional separation of church and state, churches have not been required by law to maintain even minimum standards of accounting and reporting procedures. It is therefore incumbent upon each church to see that both people who handle, and people who contribute, church funds are adequately protected. Many church treasurers are laying themselves wide open to accusations of disgruntled members by handling church monies alone. No wise church treasurer will pick up, count, and deposit church contributions by themselves. The fact that someone has followed this procedure for years with no accusations having been made doesn't guarantee it won't happen!

I believe it is the responsibility of the church to have a committee pick up, count and deposit all church gifts. The church is being unfair to the treasurer to allow them to perform this potentially hurtful practice. It is the church's responsibility to deal with these matters, but a wise treasurer will require them to do it!

Does your church finance and record system build confidence? Think about it! "For he (Titus) accepted indeed our exhortation; but being himself very earnest, he went forth unto you of his own accord. And we have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the gospel is spread through all the churches; and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in the matter of this grace (of giving), which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord, and to show our readiness: avoiding this, that any man should blame us in the matter of this bounty (offering) which is ministered by us: for we take thought for things honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men" (II Cor. 8:17-21).

FMB Appoints 18

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pointed at that service, he said, "The Ethiopian incident shows Jesus' tender care for those whose lives are entrusted to him."

Election of the new board officers came at the closing session of the three-day meeting. Self succeeds James G. Harris of Fort Worth, Tex., as president. Other officers elected were Travis S. Berry of Texas, first vice president; John W. Patterson of Virginia, second vice president; Mrs. Ray Mullendore of Kentucky, recording secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Minshew of the board's Richmond staff, assistant recording secretary.

The addition to the Foreign Mission Board building in Richmond, expected to be completed in September, 1978, will house the overseas division, treasurer's office, business manager and purchasing offices. The third floor will

\$3.3 Million

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Baptist leaders around the world including David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong, president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA); Josip Horak of Zagreb, Yugoslavia, president of the Baptist Union of Yugoslavia; and Nelson Do Amaral Fanini of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a BWA vice president who is active also in radio and television work.

Annuity Board, SBC, May Offer "Non-Standard" Insurance Coverage

DALLAS, Texas — Southern Baptist ministers and church employees once denied medical insurance because of certain health conditions are now being considered for "non-standard" coverage by the Annuity Board, SBC.

Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, said the agency is accepting applications for possible "non-standard" coverage from persons formerly unable to get insurance through the Board's church medical program.

"Non-standard medical coverage is being offered on a waived basis for uninsurable medical conditions other than systemic disorders," Morgan explained. "Systemic" disorders are those which affect the body generally. Involving bodily systems, they include such common conditions as diabetes, cancer, epilepsy and heart disease.

Generally, "standard" medical insurance is extended to persons in excellent health. The term "non-standard" applies to insurance which covers all medical needs except conditions which led to non-insurability. "Non-standard" coverage through the Annuity Board is being issued by Aetna Life & Casualty, the underwriting insurance company, at the same premium levels charged for "standard" coverage, Morgan said.



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be left unfinished and will provide space for future expansion.

The contract also covers some renovation work in the present building.

Board members also voted to make a feasibility study of the possibilities of the board owning its own orientation center. In March, the board approved a new three year contract with Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga., where its present orientation program for missionaries is located. Board members toured the Callaway Gardens facility at the close of the meeting in Atlanta.

In other actions, the board appropriated a total of \$368,492 for hunger and relief needs in various parts of the world and approved a 40 percent increase in longevity benefits for missionaries.

From the hunger fund, \$110,000 was approved for flood relief in the state of Mato Grosso, South Brazil, and another amount of \$72,392, was voted to continue a "food for work" project in Corrente, Piaui, North Brazil.

The largest amount allocated from the relief fund was \$75,000 to assist in rebuilding churches and the Baptist seminary in Romania, severely hit by a major earthquake, March 4. At its March meeting, the board appropriated \$25,000 for this purpose.

Romanian government officials have agreed in principle to \$200,000 in aid being sent to Romania by Baptists in other countries, but they must give their final approval before the funds can enter the country.

Other relief appropriations included \$50,000 for work with refugees coming into Thailand from communist countries and \$5,000 for Ugandan refugees in Kenya. Other amounts were \$15,000 for relief in Ghana; \$10,000 for use in Tanzania; \$8,100 for Nicaragua; \$8,000 for Antigua and \$5,000 each for Peru, Columbia and Korea.

The increase in longevity allowances, effective July 1, will provide \$420 annually per missionary after 10 years service, with an additional \$210 to be provided after each additional five years of service. Previously, these allowances were \$300 after 10 years of service and additional \$150 with each additional five years of service.

In the new move the board voted to give longevity allowance of \$210 per missionary beginning after five years of service. During the meeting, the board extended invitations to a record 103 to participate in training for missionary journeyman service in 44 countries. One is from Mississippi: Kim Johnson, native of Vicksburg.

The 18 new missionaries include 13 career missionaries and five who were employed as missionary associates.

FMB Elects Lewis Myers As Associate

ATLANTA (BR) — Lewis I. Myers Jr., Southern Baptist missionary who served in Vietnam, has been elected associate to the director of the Foreign Mission Board's overseas division, effective July 1.

He was elected to the newly created position during the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board at the Wiecua Road Baptist Church here.

As associate to the overseas director, he will work under the supervision of the director to augment the effectiveness of the division. He will work closely with the consultants in the division to assist them in coordinating and strengthening their programs of responsibility.

Among other duties, Myers will provide a clearing house service for specializations which the Foreign Mission Board does not have consultants such as in broadcasting and Theological Education by Extension (TEE). He also will compile data and conduct research projects needed by the division.

Myers and his family were on furlough from Danang, Vietnam, when Southern Baptist missionaries evacuated as the country fell to Communism in the spring of 1975. His furlough was extended until July 1977 for him to assist the Home Mission Board in Atlanta with refugee work in the United States.

(As a result of Myers' work with the Vietnamese of this country, he was awarded the first Exemplary Service Award of the Home Mission Board's language mission department.)

In Danang, Myers was an evangelistic worker and chairman of the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Myers and his wife, the former Toni Alexander of Boyle, Miss., were appointed by the board in 1960. In 1962, Myers started the publication department at Baptist headquarters in Saigon and directed Baptist publication work in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968. He also produced Sunday School lessons, evangelistic tracts and books.

He served as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Saigon and participated in general evangelistic work there.

Prior to missionary appointment, he served as pastor of First Church, Sumner, Miss., for two years.

A Mississippian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers, Sr., of Cleveland, was born in Chalhybeate and grew up in Skene. He was graduated from Mississippi College, with the bachelor of arts degree, and from Southern Seminary, with the bachelor of divinity degree.

The Myers have four children: Michael, a junior at Columbia University in New York; Laura, a freshman at William Carey College; Margaret, a high school senior in Atlanta; and Gray, a high school freshman in Atlanta.

In assuming this new position with the Foreign Mission Board, the Myers will move to Richmond, Virginia, the latter part of May to start his work there July 1.

IRS Extends Time To File Form 990

WASHINGTON (BP) — Certain church-related organizations required to file annual information Form 990 have been given an extension of time, according to an announcement by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) here.

The extension of time to file Form 990 applies to church-related organizations that are not integrated auxiliaries of churches and that are covered by a group exemption letter issued by the IRS to a church central or parent organization.

Prior to this year, these organizations were exempt from filing Form 990. However, earlier this year, IRS announced a rule defining "integrated auxiliaries of churches" and made it effective immediately.

The IRS announcement said that "the extension is granted to enable these organizations to establish recordkeeping systems."

Specifically, the announcement said, "organizations with a filing deadline of May 15, 1977, have been given a three-month extension to August 15, 1977; those with a June 15, 1977, filing deadline have a two-month extension to August 15; and those with a filing deadline of July 15, 1977, have a one-month extension to August 15."

The extension, which is automatic for these filing deadline dates, does not apply to church-related organizations required to file Form 990 after July 15, 1977.

"Church-related organizations covered by this announcement should include the church's central or parent organization group exemption number on line 18b of the Form 990 when filing," IRS said.

Jackson Association Launches Ambitious Study Course Promotion

Jackson Association, under the leadership of Athens McNeill, associational church training director, has launched a program to lead 50 per cent of the Church Training leaders of the association to earn leadership diplomas during the next three years.

This plan, initiated under the leadership of McNeill, will be carried through by Lynn Mackey, associational director for 1977-78, and Zeno Wells, associational director of missions, along with a corps of associational officers.

It was launched with a Church Training Fair on April 23 during an associational Bold Mission Thrust meeting.

The first training effort is scheduled for May 7 at Southside Chapel, Gautier, with general and age-group administration books to be taught from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Five such training days are planned for the association. The purpose is to make available to every Church Training leader in the association an opportunity

to earn a Church Training Leadership Diploma.

Teachers for this first effort are L. O. Mackey, C. I. Miller, Felix Greer, James Haynes, and Norma Mackey.

One promotional feature involves each church preparing a promotional announcement which will be given in two other churches of the association on a prearranged schedule.

BANGALORE, India — A new physical therapy department has been opened at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital here for both inpatient and outpatient treatment, with the unit being equipped as funds permit. A trained and experienced physical therapist has been employed to direct the new service and he subsequently has received four months of intensive training in leprosy physical therapy and treatment. The whirlpool bath already in operation is the only one currently in use in Bangalore, reported Dr. Rebekah A. Naylor, Southern Baptist missionary physician at the hospital.

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Editorials

Legislative Retrospection

A session of the state Legislature embraces a great many speeches and a great deal of behind-the-scenes maneuvering. It also costs a lot of money. The casual observer will not really find the handle to all that is going in, for a great deal of the action happens away from the legislative chambers. Many long hours are spent in committee meetings in addition to the person-to-person sessions that may affect as many decisions as are determined in the full sessions.

It is all necessary — even the money spent. We would not want to do without a Legislature under any circumstances. Whether any given Legislature would be what we might call a good one or a bad one will vary from session to session according to the make up, and every one who is a member of the Legislature is there because the voters put him there.

Therefore, whether the Legislature is good or bad, it is what the voters made it to be.

During this short session of the Legislature, which ended this month, there were seven bills passed that are due attention by the religious community.

House Bill 480 is the one having to do with the licensing and regulation of youth camps. It had a great deal of opposition and was actually voted down by one vote the first time around. A factor that kept it alive seemed to be the threat of federal regulation of youth camps in states where there are no regulations. This bill pertains only to a permanent type camp such as Garaywa and Central Hills will be. The regulations will be designed by those who are a part of camp administration, who should know pretty well what is needed in the way of standards.

House Bill 259 clarified the intent of previous legislation to include exemption from property taxes such property as that housing non-profit church day care centers and other such services. It also would exempt "each house" provided for a minister so that it would seem that all houses provided by a church for its ministers would be exempt from property taxes.

Senate Bill 2541 levies a 3 per cent tax on alcoholic beverages to be used in the treatment and rehabilitation of the drinking victims of alcohol. Clauses were struck out that would have provided for education as to the dangers of alcohol and the prevention of its abuse. The questions remain — who pays for the damages suffered by the innocent victims of alcohol? Perhaps the tax should have been 10 per cent so that the extra 7 per cent could have been used to pay a part of the damage toll.

House Bill 738 will allow supervisors to adopt ordinances aimed at regulating massage parlors.

House Bill 591 will provide for importing grapes for producing native wine in Mississippi. Last year a bill was passed allowing wine to be made in Mississippi at almost no license fee or tax to encourage a grape-growing industry. This year a bill was passed to

allow grapes to be imported so that there will be some available for the wine-making business. As reported before, the first, and at last account the only, applicant for a winery operation was the senator who introduced both ideas into the Legislature.

House Bill 390 will permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on election days in tourist areas. Tourist areas are defined by the state tax commission. If the sale of alcohol constitutes a problem so that it should not be sold in some places on election days, why allow it to be sold anywhere on election days? Indeed, if the sale of liquor constitutes a problem on election days, does not the same problem exist every other day in the year? Then why discriminate against the non-resort areas? Either it is no problem and should not be banned anywhere at any time, or it is a problem and should be banned everywhere all the time. The correct statement is not hard to figure out. The Legislature has determined the truth itself by continuing the ban of liquor sales on election days in non-resort areas. It was not willing to abide by its own convictions. This bill would have to be placed in the category of nonsense.

House Bill 72 provides changes for penalties for possession and sale of hard drugs. Distinctions are made between first, second, and third offense for possessors, and pushers with less than one, or one or more, kilograms of drugs. Distinctions were made also in

possession of marijuana based on one gram, from one ounce to one kilogram, and more than one kilogram.

Some of the legislation that was allowed to die was as meaningful as some that passed. For instance, a bill died in both houses that would have sought to define obscenity in order to give authorities the ability to deal with it. Hopefully, such bills will be introduced again next year, and legislators can be made to understand that they need to pass.

One more bill needs to be mentioned. It is HB 786, the Brown Bill, before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee. This bill would eliminate deductions in taxes for the advertising of alcoholic beverages. This bill needs to get out of committee and get before the full House. A letter to your representative might be of some help.

There are many good men in the Legislature battling down to the wire for what they believe to be right. Obviously there are others who are paying attention to some kind of selfish interest pressure. We can help them all by participating to the extent of letting our convictions be known.

There is just one overriding problem. It is difficult to determine what is going on in the Legislature. The interested observer has to pay close attention to be able to keep up. The legislators are dealing with our lives, however, and it is worth the effort to try to be aware of what they are doing.

Mississippi SBC Officers

Mississippi has been well represented during this year in the officers of the Southern Baptist convention. The president and both of the vice-presidents are Mississippians.

James L. Sullivan, the president, was born at Silver Creek in Lawrence County. He also lived in Jackson and was graduated from high school in Tylertown. He was baptized by Tylertown Baptist Church and was ordained by that church. He attended Mississippi College, from which he received a doctor of divinity degree in 1948.

He was pastor in Brookhaven from 1942 to 1946.

Dotsen Nelson, pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., is the first vice-president. He was born in Amite County near Liberty. He attended Mississippi College, and his father was president of the institution.

Mrs. Carl Bates, the wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., is the second vice-president. She is from Tupelo. Her husband is a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

If has been a good year for Southern Baptists with these three at the helm. Sullivan has been particularly effective as president. From his rich background in the pastorate and many years of denominational service he was well qualified to serve. Add to that the fact that he had just recently retired as president of the Sunday School Board when he was elected, giving him

more than the ordinary amount of time to devote to the responsibilities, and there is a uniquely qualified man.

Mississippi Baptists justifiably can be proud of the many outstanding religious leaders who have come from within this state. Some of them have helped chart the course of Baptist history, and many have served nobly around the world in missions efforts.

Surely that list of favorite sons and daughters who have served well and with particular distinction must include those who held the president and two vice-president offices at this time.

Mrs. Sam Cannata

And while we are considering those Mississippians who have rendered valiant service in the Kingdom of God, let us not forget Mrs. Sam Cannata. She has followed her missionary doctor husband into many strange and difficult places in order that she might help him bring healing to bodies in the name of the Lord when otherwise there might be no healing. As this was written before the beginning of a vacation, Sam, who was a student at Baylor University at the same time as the writer, was still being held by Ethiopian authorities. He has been released now, but regardless, this lady and her family deserve our thanks and need our prayers.

Book Reviews

THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU by J. Terry Young; Broadman; 192 pages; \$4.95.

Of particular interest is this book and its author, for the author preceded the present editor of the Baptist Record as editor of the California Southern Baptist. Young is now associate professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary. His book is a survey of Bible teachings and Christian views about the Holy Spirit. It seeks to provide a complete picture of what Christians should believe about the Holy Spirit and how they should respond. It is written for lay readers. He warns against potential mistakes.

HOW TO WIN IN A CRISIS by Creath Davis, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 224 pages; \$6.95.

This book is designed to serve as a workable guidebook to help those who struggle examine their reactions to problems and to encourage positive, creative change where it is needed.

GOD'S PRISON GANG by Ray Hoekstra (Chaplain Ray) with Walter Wagner; Fleming H. Revell Company; 159 pages; \$5.95.

Chaplain Ray carries the Christian message to people behind bars. Mentioned in this book are Susan Atkins, Jack Murphy, Gene Neill, Floyd Hamilton, Clyde Thompson, Charles (Tex) Watson, and Robert Erler. These are people who have found Christ, though some of them continue to live in prison cells.

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE? by Francis A. Schaeffer, Fleming H. Revell Company, Old Tappan, N. J.; 228 pages; \$12.95.

This book is a study of the condition and direction of Western civilization. It is said to the outgrowth of 40 years of inquiry, research, and philosophical study in conjunction with his work in Christian basics. The author says we have lost sight of both our roots and our direction. But he points out the problems, researches their origin, and presents a proposal for the future.

HOW TO EAT RIGHT AND FEEL GREAT by Virginia and Norman Rohrer (Tyndale House, paper, \$4.95, 270 pp.).

The authors maintain that good health is the result of careful attention to basic nutritional needs anyone can observe. Here in plain, easy-to-act-on steps is the Christian course toward proper nutrition. Sample recipes are given for special health needs. The writers say, "Next year you will be the same person you are today, except for the friends you make, the books you read, and the food you eat." They believe that anyone who really tries can "kick the habit of bankrupt foods." Norman is executive secretary of the Evangelical Press Association and director of the Christian Writers Guild. Virginia is a lifelong student of nutrition, and currently of biochemistry.

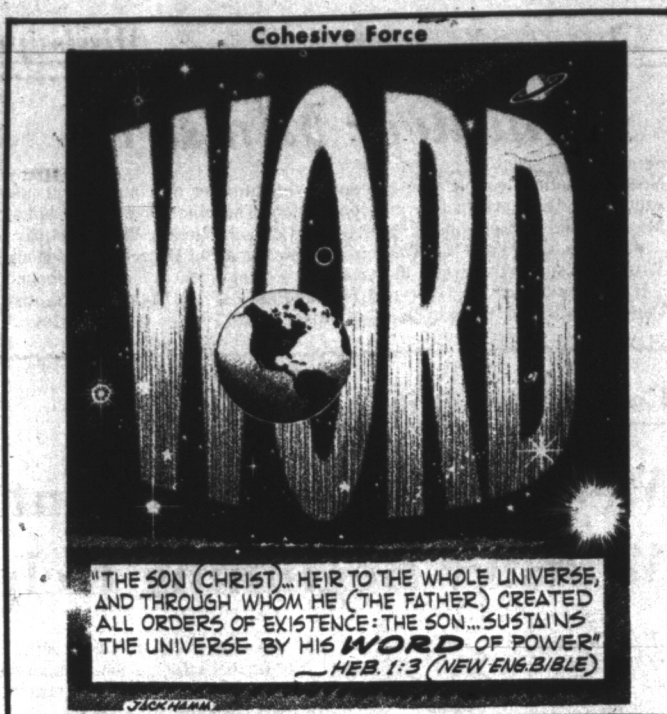
HELPING TEACHERS TEACH, Mavis Allen and Max Caldwell, compilers; Convention Press; 187 pages; \$1.95.

This book is addressed primarily to Sunday School administrators and suggests how they can equip teachers to lead Bible study.

Village Makes Mother's Day Appeal

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK (May 1-8, 1977) ending with Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8, 1977 represents the Convention-designated period of emphasis upon the mission ministry to neglected and dependent boys and girls, which is the assignment of the Baptist Children's Village, the Mississippi Baptist Convention's official child care agency. Mother's Day is the traditional date suggested by the MBC to the local churches for church-wide appeals for designated, cash gifts to The Village and the needs of its children.

The central administrative office of the Children's Village in Jackson has released informational brochures, Mother's Day offering envelopes and related materials, by bulk mailing, to every cooperating Baptist church in Mississippi, calling attention to the Convention's work in child care and the annual budget needs of the child care agency. While the Baptist Children's Village participates in an allocation of Cooperative Program funds,



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

W. D.'s birthday present this year (from himself) was a small camper for the back of his Datsun pick-up. We'd been saying ever since Abraham Lincoln's birthday (and W. D.'s) that we would go camping in April.

A week in the hospital for him, with a slipped disc, prevented his getting the bed built in the camper as planned, but we were determined to try it one night anyway. We threw in a thin foam-rubber mattress, a cardboard box full of groceries, a stack of books I could not part with for one night, and W. D.'s fishing gear. With high hopes we set out for Lake Albemarle.

The man at the campsite met us with bad news: "The fish are not biting today because the water is too high, and the wind is too strong."

While I sat in a rocking chair in the sunshine and read, W. D. went out to wrestle with the elements. I guess he fought a good fight, for he came back just as the great red ball of sun was melting into the shimmering waters of the lake, and he brought with him six fish—plenty for supper.

He cleaned the fish, and I washed them. Our mouths watered as we smelled food cooking in a nearby trailer. He tried to light the Coleman stove, but it wouldn't burn properly. A fellow camper came over and said, "I know somebody who got burned up when one of those things exploded." We decided to eat banana and peanut butter sandwiches. By then W. D.'s back had started to hurt and he didn't feel like scouting for wood for a campfire. Besides, by then it was dark. And when the sun had gone down the mosquitoes had come up—and around and over and under. It was only 7 o'clock, but we decided to go to bed to escape the marauders.

The space in the back of a Datsun is not as big as it looks. If we both slept facing in the same direction, we could just fit in. But whoever decided to turn over always bumped into the piece of metal that covered the wheel. The odor of dust and rubber triggered my sinus trouble, and I thought for a

while that I might smother. It must not have been long, actually, before I went to sleep. At three o'clock I woke up, because six or seven hours is the usual length of time I sleep. W. D. was still asleep, so I decided to take a stroll in the starlight.

How long has it been since you went for a walk in the hours past midnight—the moon and stars so close you felt that you could touch them? My heart filled with praise to God for the beauty of the quiet night, for a chance to go to bed at seven, for the special time to be with W. D.

Have you recently seen a morning break forth young and beautiful? We cooked bacon on a campfire, and boiled water for coffee. Then I went for a walk along the levee, where the spring grass was tender and green and dotted with the pale pinks and yellows of wild flowers. I wish I knew their names so I could tell you what they were. W. D. and I went out in the boat to check his trotlines. The willows were looking at their reflections in the mirror-smooth water, but the cypress trees lifted their heads toward the morning sun. Occasionally a fish would leap from the water with a gentle plop.

As Farmer Jim says, it was "a brand new day, never used before." It was a day just begging to be used and enjoyed.

I have not read Solzhenitsyn's book, *Cancer Ward*, but I read Betty Carlson's description of it. She said that Oleg, the main character, went into the hospital expecting to die, so the day he was dismissed from the hospital was like the morning of creation for him. Everything to him seemed new and fresh—and he wanted once more to see an apricot tree in bloom.

Oh, that I might so reverence the morning of every new day—that I might forget the irritants and sorrows and sins of the past and reach forth to the things that are to come, pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Letters To The Editor

Registration Cards

Dear Sir:

I need your help to get a message to every church and pastor in your state. They get the registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention from their state executive secretary's office. They are not mailed to the churches from Nashville.

Churches should check Article III of the Constitution and Bylaw No. 1. Mes-

sengers should be elected by the churches and a card filled out for each messenger and signed by the pastor or moderator. After the convention cards are microfilmed as a permanent record for the convention so we must have a card for each messenger.

Each year there has been much confusion over this matter. Many claim the states have not let them know that they had the cards and they did not know where to get them. Many years more than 5,000 have come without any credentials and it is too much to ask the Credentials Committee to interview this many individuals.

There will be an attempt to preregister many this year, but many will not follow this pattern.

I will appreciate any help you can give me in getting every messenger to bring their registration card properly filled this year. It will take them only about a minute to register if they do.

Yours for a great Convention,
W. Fred Kendall
Registration Secretary

Long-time Reader Writes

Sir:

The Baptist Record has become important elsewhere besides in Mississippi. I have letters from three different people in three different states wanting copies of the Feb. 10th Baptist

Record. Do you have three extra copies? If so, take this and send to me. I'll send on to them.

I hesitated about my picture being put in there, Feb. 10, I am now glad I did; for I hear regularly from one of the seniors in my graduating class (1917) at Mississippi Woman's College in Hattiesburg, MS, now William Carey; also I've had so many letters from others that were in school with me there — also from so many of my wonderful students showing love and appreciation until my heart overflows with emotion and gratitude and love that cannot be expressed.

Praise God for the Baptist Record.
Corrie M. Jones (Mrs. N. B.)
Taylor, MS

Mrs. Jones was one of our longtime readers pictured on Page 1 during the Centennial series.—Editor

PORT OF ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast—Six local Baptist churches helped extend the Christian and educational ministry of the MV LOGOS, a ship carrying evangelistic outreach to more than 100 ports in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, during its 19-day stop here. Participants included more than 60 volunteers from local churches, including Debbie Pinkston, daughter of Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. D. Edwin Pinkston.

Your Contribution Is Important

By Edward B. Trott
Missionary-in-Residence

I once heard a Brazilian pastor tell this story. He said that a number of people decided to help a local orphanage by giving them some milk. It was decided that each person would bring the milk and put it into a tank affixed to a cart.

One lady began to think about the milk she was asked to contribute. She rationalized that her family needed the milk as much as the orphans did. So she decided that she would take her container full of water instead of milk. She would pour it into the small opening of the tank and no one would ever

know the difference. "After all," she thought, "don't many people around here add water to their milk to stretch the amount?"

She quickly filled her can. On the way to the cart, she made sure she saw her container full of "milk" that she was carrying. When she arrived at the cart, she made sure no one was watching as she emptied the contents into the tank.

Everyone was happy as they followed the cart to the orphanage. They called the director of the orphanage to tell the children to bring their glasses to get some good, fresh milk. The children came running to the cart with

their glasses in hand. The crowd of donors gathered around to see the children receive the milk. The spigot was opened and came a stream of crystal clear water. Everyone had the same idea. They each thought that it wouldn't make any difference if he didn't contribute their share.

If everyone in your church contributed just as you do, what would be the result? If everyone followed the example of some, the doors of many churches would be closed. On the other hand, if everyone followed the example of the good stewards, much more would be done to send the gospel throughout the world.

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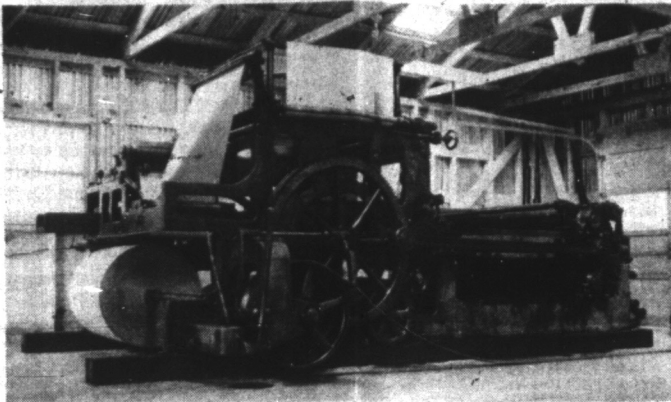
By Anne McWilliams

Stephen Bowman of Clarksville, Va., is still in the newspaper business. Back when he was eight he began his newspaper career by publishing *The Bowmansville News*. That publication, printed with carbon paper, sold for three cents a copy but was forced up to a nickel by inflation.

When he was 17, he made front page news in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* when he moved a 12½-ton antique press five miles and began publication of the *Goodell Gazette*.

He graduated from Campbell College, a Baptist school in North Carolina, in December, 1976, with a B.A. in English. Before going to Campbell he studied printing technology at Chowan College.

Since graduation he has become co-editor of a newspaper called *Love Power*, which he described as a "Christian witness publication." The venture is supported by individual contributions, by advertisers, and by the local ministerial association. The publication is sent free to all postal patrons in Mecklenburg, Halifax, and Brunswick Counties, Virginia.



Bowman accomplished an incredible feat when he moved the 12½ ton, 1912 Duplex Press Co. flatbed letterpress. When *The Clarksville Times* went to offset press, the editor wanted to do away with the old press, and offered it to Bowman for \$25. The young man took the press apart.

He drew diagrams of each section and as he removed a part tagged it to match the diagrams. With the help of his father, grandfather, and a construction company crane, he moved the press to his home five miles away from the office of *The Clarksville Times*. His father built a two-car garage around it.

Since the press had been in one place for 16 years, Bowman encountered such problems as frozen bolts and jammed pins. Besides this, many pessimists stood around saying, "He'll never do it!"

With the aid of a wrecker, he reassembled all the parts. Since he didn't have an electric motor he hitched the belts and pulleys to a farm tractor his father gave him. The press worked fine the first time he tried it out.

Bowman printed *The Goodell Gazette* for several years and distributed it free (paid for by advertisers) to residents of his community. He decided on the turn-of-the-century style of that paper after reading a book entitled *Newspapering in the Old West*.

The community of Goodell borders on Goodell Creek which the *Gazette* editor described as being known for "its fine beaches and good fishing." In the same edition the editor wrote, "While other newspapers have automobile accidents to write about, the biggest thing that ever happens around here is a skinned knee."

In one editorial he said about his desire to be a newspaperman: "I think reasoning and understanding will do much to mend the differences between the citizens of the world."



To Present "Spring Splendor"

"Spring Splendor" will be presented by the Revelation of First Church, Jackson on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Featured with the 100-voice high school and college musical group will be Daybreak, The 6-Teens, Promise, Handbells and a 15-piece orchestra. The program has been staged by Alex Plasscharet, choreographer from Los Angeles, California. The set design has been produced by George Head, scenic designer for Mississippi Educational Television Network. The evening's program will be under direction of Larry Black, minister of music.



OBU Chorale To Sing At Broadmoor

The University Chorale of Oklahoma Baptist University will be presented in concert at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Thursday, May 5, at 8 p.m. James D. Woodward, Dean of the College of Fine Arts at OBU, is director of the group. Rita Wood, daughter of J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor, is a member of the group (first row standing, fifth from left). The 46 members are chosen by audition. Though this is the first time for the Chorale to sing at Broadmoor, the Bison Glee Club of OBU has appeared there on several occasions. The public is invited and there will be no admission fee. David Grant is the Broadmoor pastor.



GAs Deliver Books To Hospital

Fifth Grade GAs of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, made "Read Me-Color Me-Chew Me" booklets as a Missions Adventures project and delivered them to children in Hinds General Hospital. Back row, left to right: Faith Mooney, Robin Fox, Annett Johnson, Mrs. Anne McWilliams, leader, and Sarah Boulware. Front, 1 to 5: Nancy Hill, Leah Rushing, Lisa Taylor, and Cynthia Buchanan. Mrs. Ramona Hill, leader, was snapping the photo.

New York Pastor Asks For Help In Summer VBS

A former Mississippi pastor, Wesley Ellis needs Vacation Bible School assistance in Vassar Road-Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, New York. The church, now averaging 110 in Sunday School, is located 75 miles north of New York City. It is the only Baptist Church in Dutchess County, population 250,000.

The dates suggested for Vacation Bible School are the week beginning

July 11, or any week thereafter through mid-August. The church could use 25 young people and adults.

"If your youth could take a bold step in this direction this summer, please contact the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205," says Paul Harrell, director, state Brotherhood Department. "If id missions oftentimes requires a bold step."



Yearbook Dedicated To Coach

Lynn Britt Haynes, right, of Ripley, editor of the 1977 MOUNTAINEER, Blue Mountain College yearbook, presents the first copy to Mari Hubbard, associate director of physical education and health, also coach for the TOPPERS basketball team, Number One in the Small Colleges Division of the 1977 Tournaments of Mississippi. The yearbook is dedicated to Miss Hubbard.



MK's Dog Plays Soccer

Debbie Trott's dog, Fluffy, has learned to play soccer, the favorite sport of Brazil! Debbie, one of many MKs enrolled in colleges in Mississippi, will graduate from Mississippi College in May, receiving a B. A. degree with honors, in French. During her junior year she attended La Miral University in Toulouse, France. She is the daughter of Edward and Freda Trott, missionaries to Brazil, now on furlough and living in Clinton. In a wedding in Province Chapel at MC she will marry Philip Pierce of Amory, senior at Mississippi College, who will graduate in December.

Which Parent Should I Live With?

Sometimes children of divorced parents must make difficult choices on the basis of what will be best for themselves in the long run.

I am a fourteen year old boy. My parents got divorced when I was about nine. They both remarried and I have lived with both of them. Now I am old enough to decide which one I want to stay with, but I don't know what to do? No matter which one I am living with, I always feel unhappy and want to live with the other. I love both of them, but I never seem to be really contented. What should I do?

Teenagers usually have some misgivings about themselves and their parents. When there are divorces and step-parents involved, it is even more difficult to decide how you feel about yourself and your relatives. The fact that you are trying to identify your feelings and resolve them is an indication that you are maturing and facing problems responsibly.

Perhaps you should consider which home would offer more stability during this changeable time of your life. In which will the soil for Christian character development be better? In which home do you feel accepted and affirmed as a worthwhile person? In which are you given trust and responsibility appropriate to your age and

maturity? In which do you feel that the lines of communication are stronger? Answering these questions might help you to make this choice.

Second, since your feelings are almost always unhappy ones, perhaps you should take a closer look at the origin of those feelings. It is important to remember that your parents' divorce was not your fault and it does not represent a rejection of you as their child. Their problems probably had their roots in the early stages of their relationship before you arrived on the scene. Why not discuss this point with your parents or with a counselor? More than likely, you will find that your anxiety is not well-founded.

Third, remember that you have many years ahead of you to give and receive love from both parents. Choosing to live with one does not mean that you hate the other. As you grow older and have greater opportunities to demonstrate your love for them in a variety of ways, you will begin to resolve your frustration more effectively.

A weekly radio program for youth broadcast nationwide by So. Baptist Radio-TV Commission. For information write POWERLINE, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

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Macedonia Youths Go Biking For Missions



Front row: Scotty Nevils, Wayne Smith, Jimmy Freeman, Roscoe Nevils. Second row: Mike Britt, Joe Williams, Bruce Smith, Marcus Singletery, Darren Smith, Donna Williams, Laufa Singletery. Back row: Suzanne Smith, Suzanne Allen, Tonya Britt, Debbie Walker, Theresa Williams, Tammy Kyle, Cindy Kyle, Angie Hart, Belinda Case, C. B. Still (director), Connie Smith, Butch Griffey, Mrs. Joan Singletery (chaperone).

The youth of Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, held a Bike-a-Thon to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Each young person solicited pledges from the congregation and rode a mile for each pledge made. They rode 341 miles and made over \$300.00. The day was finished with a hamburger cookout for the youth who participated. The total mission offering goal was \$800.

The youth program at Macedonia is under direction of C. B. Still, minister of music and youth.

Still has also started a full time program for the senior adults who are averaging over 35 in attendance at every monthly meeting. Don Nerren is pastor.

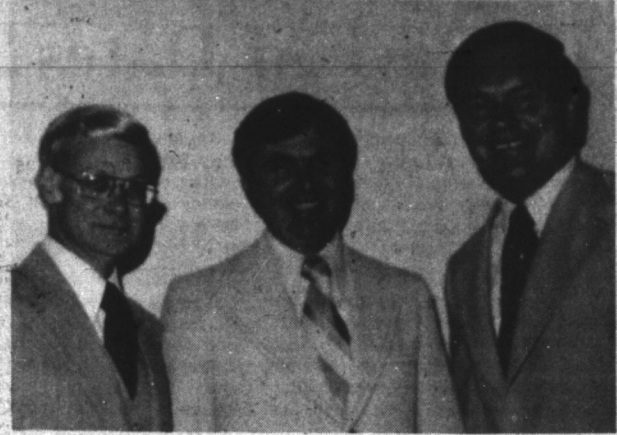
Carey College Postpones CALL

William Carey College had scheduled its annual CALL conference for Saturday, April 30. However, this conference has been postponed until July 15.

Mississippi gifts to Foreign Missions Week of Prayer (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) are listed as received from May 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977 with 1,504 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$1,618,073.25

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Prague (EBPS).—Importation of 1,000 Czech-language hymnals will soon give choral groups in Baptist churches in Czechoslovakia a wider repertoire. The hymnal was recently re-printed by the Czechoslovak Baptist Association of Canada. It first appeared in 1924. The extra copies were re-printed for sending to choirs here with financial help from the Baptist World Alliance.



Wallace Clay was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday night, April 10, in Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Clay is a student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife, Sheila, and their two sons, Russell and Roger, will serve as summer missionaries in Oregon. Left to right are: Charles Gentry, pastor; Clay, and Bill Durr, chairman of deacons.

Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been presented the "Service to Humanity" award by Mississippi College in recognition of his service to his church, denomination, and community. Hamblin received the B. A. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and earned both the Bachelor of Divinity and the Doctor of Theology from Southwestern Seminary. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of both Clarke College and Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

David Randall Futral was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Morgan City Church recently. In the U. S. Army, he is stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He and his wife and son have recently returned from a tenure in northern Greece. To be discharged in August, he plans to enter Clarke College this fall. His wife is the former Olivia Osborne, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Osborne and the late Brig.-Gen. Frank Osborne. Futral is the son of Guy C. Futral, pastor of Morgan City Church, and Mrs. Futral.

Names In The News

Sammy Jones McDonald, youth pastor of Antioch Church in Simpson County, was licensed to preach February 11, by this church. He is available for revivals, concerts, supply or other ministries related to the ministry of music and youth. He has assisted in conducting the music as well as serving as youth preacher once each quarter. He has supplied at various other churches during the summer months. He plays the piano, accompanies trios and quartets. His address is Box 58 B, Rt. 2, Terry, Mississippi, 39170 (phone 845-6330).

M. H. Waltmon, pastor of Cedar Grove Church, Greene County, is evangelist April 25-May 1 for a revival at the Pascadena Baptist Mission, Spokane, Washington. His church is paying his expenses. Bendon Ginn, native of Tyler town, is pastor at the Pascadena Mission which is sponsored by the Home Mission Board and by several churches in Mississippi—Cedar Grove among them. Churches and missions in the Northwest are now in the midst of simultaneous revivals.

Bill and Terry Peacock, missionaries to Korea, will be arriving with their family to spend their furlough in Mississippi. They will be at Jackson, in a home provided by the Woodland Hills Church. Bill, who went to Korea in 1969, lives in Taejon where he does field evangelism work with three different associations. During his last term he has served as the supervisor of the area evangelism department for the Korea Baptist Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lee, missionaries to Spain, may be addressed at Paseo al Mar, No. 119, 4 a P-D 13, Valencia (11) Spain. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Van C. Rayne, missionary journeyman from Mississippi, will direct a film unit from Kenya in the filming of a companion film of the missionary study book "School Someday." Casting director for the movie, which is based on the original story by Marjorie Moore Armstrong, is Rebekah A. Dannelly, a missionary journeyman from Texas.



Simon Erkhart, right, was licensed to the gospel ministry in an April 3 service at First Church, Bennedale. He is pictured with W. A. McWilliams, the Bennedale pastor. Erkhart and his wife Helen have three children. He may be contacted for supply preaching at his home address, Star Route, Leaf, MS 39450 (phone 945-2344).

Hubert Greer, minister of music in local churches for ten years, is entering the field of music evangelism. Churches he has served include Calvary, Pascagoula; Collins; First, Picayune; and First, Mendon. He resigned the latter as minister of music and youth, February 13, 1977, to enter the music evangelism field full time. Native of Mississippi, and a graduate of William Carey College, he is married and the father of three children. For revivals, concerts, or crusades, he may be contacted c/o Hubert Greer's Singingational Evangelistic Association, Inc., 215 North Jackson St., Brookhaven, MS 39601 (phone 601-833-4006 or 601-876-2049).

Mary Hammond (Mrs. C. A.) Baker, 87, emeritus missionary to South Brazil, died at Darlington, S. C. April 14. She had lived at the Bethesda Baptist Home here since 1973. One of 12 children, Mrs. Baker was born Feb. 11, 1890, in Atlanta, Ga., and grew up in Greenville. She served as a missionary to Brazil for 28 years before her retirement in 1945.

Mary Alice Ditsworth, missionary to Indonesia, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: J1, Hegarmanah 41B, Bandung, Indonesia). A native of Mississippi, she has born in Lucedale and grew up in Pascagoula.

Rachel DuBard, missionary associate to Liberia, has completed furlough in Mississippi and returned to the field (address: Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia).



Rex R. Pearce (left) and Mrs. Pearce stand before a display in the Mississippi College Museum of Social Science with N. W. Carpenter (right), Chairman of the Division of Social Studies. Pearce, a faculty member at Mississippi College for 23 years (now retired), and his wife, presented a \$10,000 endowment to the college for the expansion and maintenance of the museum. (M. C. Photo by James O. Ferrugia.)

Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, renowned preacher on The Lutheran Hour, has been elected President of the United Bible Societies, the international fellowship of 59 Bible Societies who engage in Bible translation, publication and distribution in 150 countries of the world, the American Bible Society has announced.

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1st, Louisville Calls Pastor

Robert L. Mounts has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Louisville, and will begin his ministry there on June 1. He presently is pastor of Kinsey Drive Church, Dalton, Georgia.

A native of Logan, West Virginia, Mounts is a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, and New Orleans Seminary, where he earned the Ed. D. degree in 1970.

His former pastorates include Seminary Church, Seminary, Ms.; and churches in Louisiana, West Virginia, and Georgia.

Mounts is married to the former Glenna Keesling, and they have three sons: Robert, 17; Joshua, 14, and Jonathan, 13.

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Wayne County Sets May 3 As Date For Association Night

Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the featured speaker in the inspirational service of the Association Night for Wayne County Association, May 2. The theme will be "Let the Church Reach Out" and will be held at the First Church, Waynesboro, from 7 until 9 p. m. Vaughn will conduct a conference, beginning at 7, with pastors, deacons and church staff members who are not involved in other conferences.

Kermit King, Church Training Director, MBCB, will meet with all Church Training leaders of the association.

Larry Salter, consultant in the Sunday School Department, will meet with officers and teachers of the county; and Paul Harrell, state director of Brotherhood work, will meet with officers and those interested in Brotherhood and R. A. work.

The Wayne County Musicians will meet with Jimmy Little, director of music for Wayne County Association. W. M. U. workers in churches of the association will meet with Mrs. Jean Craven, W. M. U. Director of the Association.

According to Wilson W. Boggan, director of missions for Clarke and Wayne Associations, this is the county's third such associational night.

BANGKOK, Thailand—Baptist women of the Thailand Baptist Convention met here recently to organize and to elect officers. The new organization, Thailand Baptist Women, elected Wilma Cheewewattana president.

Sullivan Visits Mississippi, Visits Jackson's Alta Woods...

James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a native Mississippian, will return to his home state this weekend to join with the Alta Woods Church in celebration of the church's 30th birthday. He will speak at the morning worship service Sunday, May 1, at 11.

Sullivan has had a long and distinguished career in Southern Baptist life, and a part of that career has been spent in Mississippi. A graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, he pastored churches in Kentucky and Tennessee before returning to the state in 1940. From 1940-46 he pastored churches in Clinton and Brookhaven.

In 1953 he was selected to be president of the Sunday School Board, SBC. His 22-year term of service in that position is only one indication of the excellence of the leadership which he provided as head of the largest such agency in Southern Baptist life. He was elected SBC president in 1976.

In addition, Sullivan continues to be an active leader in the international organization, the Baptist World Alliance.

He will be speaking at a church which did not even exist when he last served in Mississippi. The church began as a prayer meeting in a home at the corner of Raymond Road and Belvedere Drive. That prayer meeting grew into a group of 54 charter members who founded Alta Woods Church on May 2, 1947. They began worshipping that year in an open shed tabernacle at the corner of Colonial and Oakhurst Drives.

Under the leadership of four previ-

ous pastors and Charles E. Myers, the present pastor, that small group has grown into a membership of more than 2600 people, meeting and worshipping in a well-planned, modern, and comfortable church facility. More importantly, it has grown into a church which seeks to minister in the most effective way possible to the needs of its people, its community, the city of Jackson, and, through its cooperation with state and national agencies, to the needs of the world.

The services Sunday will be a celebration of what God has done through the lives of the people who have been a part of Alta Woods Church over the past 30 years.

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James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker at a Baptist Rally, on Bold Missions, in Clarke County Association, May 3, at 7 p. m., at First Church, Quitman, Ed North, Pastor.

Sullivan was born at Silver Creek, Lawrence County, Mississippi, and was reared at Tylertown. He was for many years president of the Sunday School Board.

Other personalities on program will include Jimmie Little, minister of music and youth of First Church, Waynesboro, as guest soloist. The choir of First Church, Quitman, under direction of Hixon Helton, minister of music and youth, will present a pre-session of music beginning at 6:40.

According to Wilson W. Boggan, director of missions for Clarke and Wayne Associations, over 600 people from southeast Mississippi are expected to attend. The theme will be "Bold Missions — Let the Church Stand Up."

Hartford, Conn. (RNS) — A private trust that limits its college scholarship aid to members of the Congregation Church is not guilty of religious discrimination, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled here. In a 4-1 decision, the court said state officials have no power to force the Frank Boswell Fuller trust fund to offer its funds to members of other faiths.

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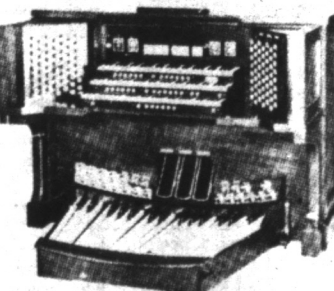
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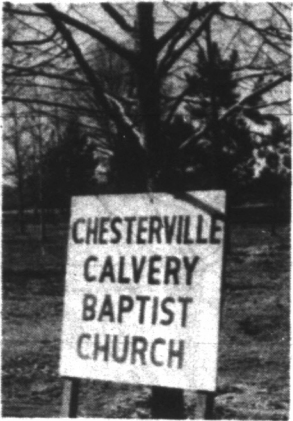
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WMU Pays For Baptist Record Subscriptions

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
From Tupelo, you drive past the Natchez Trace Inn, go on through Bissell, take the first road to the right, go one mile to a crossroad, take the left. Follow a winding road (don't let the curves dismay you) for two or three miles until you see a water tank. Take the road to the left. Drive down the hill to the end of the road, and you will see the church on the right. You can't miss it, for there's a sign in the grove of trees: Calvary Church, Chesterville.



There were several new brick houses along the way, some of them two story, like the one across the road from the church.



If Mrs. Katherine Ray, the Calvary WMU director, is with you she will tell you that this is a church where the people do things together. And for each other.

For one thing, the Woman's Missionary Union voted to pay for the Baptist Record subscriptions of the church, for at least six months, until the four-year-old congregation could have enough funds to begin paying again.

"The WMU has many mission projects going all the time," Mrs. Ray says. "We want to show each church family that we really care for them as fellow Christians."

And not just the WMU. The whole church is involved in "loving your neighbor as yourself." Mrs. Ray remembers that in one



church family a child was hospitalized. At the same time, the child's father, a construction worker, was out of work because of prolonged bad weather. The church contributed toward payment of the child's hospital bills.

One man, a member of the church, had leg surgery. The church helped to pay his hospital bills.

Then there was the case of the tornado and the trailers. If you step into the church and call Mrs. Louise Boyles, the church treasurer, she can tell you about that.

"Yes, I remember," she says. "We were at the Valentine Banquet in February, 1976, when we heard a tornado had hit the trailer homes of two of our families. Randall and Kathy Towery, and Danny and Vida Crane. We took an offering for them. Gave a whole Sunday's offering."

You see an attractive red brick sanctuary, with white columns. Behind that is an education building. Pine trees at one side are as tall as the church. Azaleas that furnished beauty in the spring are no longer in bloom.

You may find some men, perhaps women, too, at work on a utility building, or inside the edu-

cation building, busy at the job of adding two more rooms. Or they may be standing around talking about the pastorium they hope to build soon. Pastor A. V. Bailey lives in Mt. Vernon community, but the church members would like to have a pastor's home at Calvary.

"We have about 125 members now," Mrs. Ray says, "and about ten in WMU." "In the beginning, 22 of us got together to organize the church. We just started meeting in a tent, and then in homes for a while. We built an education building and met in it for two years, and then built the sanctuary. In each case, the members did the building."

With money going for buildings and for members' hospital bills and for aiding storm victims, the church felt that they needed to drop the Baptist Record. But the women in WMU said, "No, we will pay for the Every Family Plan subscriptions for at least six months."

You will agree, I think, that Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Boyles are right when they say, "At Calvary, Chesterville, we care about each other."

Revival Dates

Oakland Church, Corinth (Alcorn): May 1-6; Larry Garner, minister of education, Fairview Church, Columbus, preaching; John Joiner, minister of music, Oakland, leading singing; Tommy Vinson, pastor.

Parkway Church, Pascagoula: May 1-6; Jerry Mixon, Petal, evangelist; Richard Miller, Pensacola, FL, leading music; 7:30 p.m.; each evening prior to the service Miller will conduct a puppet program; Kenna Byrd, pastor.

Green's Creek Church, Petal, May 1-5; Homer Martinez, full-time evangelist, Dallas, TX., preaching; Jody Caulderson, singer, music evangelist; Ralph Kelly, pastor.

Richland Church, Richland: May 4-8; at 7:30 p.m.; Eddie Martin, evangelist; sermon subjects: "Is This The Rapure Generation?", "Married, and They Lived Miserably Everafter," "When a Man Dies, Where Does He Go?" and "Can a Man Once Saved Ever Be Lost Again?"; special musical features to include the Brad Ramsey Family Singers, Waco, Texas; Paul B. Williamson, Jr., pastor.

Raymond Road Church (Hinds): May 1-6; Vance H. Dyess, pastor, evangelist; Van Larrimore, minister of music, to lead singing; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.

Shady Grove Church (George): May 2-8; services at 7:30 p.m.; three services Sunday 8th at 11, 3:30, and 7:30; Hyman Appelmann, Kansas City, Missouri, Russian-born Jewish evangelist, known as "one of America's great evangelists"; N. H. Smith, pastor.

Sunshine Church, Pearl: May 1-8; Billy W. Morris, Mobile, AL, evangelist; Tommy Spigener, Clinton, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weeknight services 7:30 p.m.; Mike Willoughby, pastor.

Revival Results

Union Chapel (Riverside): March 24-27; Wylie Heath of Hattiesburg, evangelist; Sammy Chow, music director of Riverside Church, singer; Mrs. Carl Williams, pianist; five professions of faith; 23 rededications; one by letter; L. Gerald Costilo, pastor.

Scientist Assigns 1,200 Years To Ararat Wood

PHILADELPHIA (EP) — A piece of wood found in Turkish Armenia could be from a shrine to Noah's Ark, instead of from the Ark itself, says UCLA's Rainer Berger.

Speaking at an archaeological symposium at the University of Pennsylvania, Berger said the wood is no more than 700 years old.

The scientist assigned 1,200 years to the age of the wood. The National Physical Laboratories in England dated the wood at about 11,000 years.

"If you actually read the King James Bible it says the Ark landed on

the mountains of Ararat, now in Armenia," he said. "It did not specify Mount Ararat."

Dr. Berger speculated that the deeply Christian Armenians built a shrine to the Ark at the 1,500-foot level of the mountain and that the wood was from the shrine.

BBI Names New Prexy

GRACEVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Joseph P. DuBose Jr., a Pensacola pastor, has been named president of Baptist Bible Institute, a Florida Baptist Convention school here, effective May 1.

DuBose, pastor of East Hill Baptist Church in Pensacola, will succeed retiring President James E. Southerland, the school's top administrator since December 1957.

Israeli Expert Saves Trees At Gethsemane

JERUSALEM (RNS) — The acting superior of the Franciscan monastery at Gethsemane, the site of Christ's agony and arrest, enlisted the aid of one of Israel's leading agricultural specialists to save the monastery's ten famous olive trees which may date back to Gospel times.

Through the offices of Jerusalem

Mayor Teddy Kollek, Father Joseph Montalverne de Lancastre, O.F.M., a native of Portugal, gained the services of Prof. Shimon Lavi, director of the orchard department of Vulcani Agricultural Institute and a leading expert on tree preservation.

The trees in the small garden adjacent to the All-Nations Basilica of the

Agony on the Mount of Olives had recently showed signs of deterioration.

After an examination, Prof. Lavi recommended certain measures, including pruning and the spreading of animal fertilizers. Father de Lancastre said he had already found improvement.

Although many Biblical scholars have scoffed at the alleged claim that the trees date back to Christ, Prof. Lavi expressed belief that the trees may indeed be 2,000 years old and actual "eyewitnesses" to the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Maine Raises 'Drinking Age'

AUGUSTA, (RNS) — Maine's legal drinking age will be raised to 20 from 18 under a law signed by Gov. James B. Longley.

The measure will take effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns in July. Gov. Longley said he would have preferred to allow teens to continue to drink liquor on the premises of bars and restaurants.

"However, I was so convinced that

Sunday School Lesson: International

Tests Of Faith

By Wm. J. Fallis
James 1:1-18

Throughout the month of May we will be studying an unusual New Testament book. Since it says nothing about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and is quite similar to Hebrew Wisdom Literature, some scholars have thought it is more Jewish than Christian. Because it seems to be more



concerned with right living than with faith, Martin Luther called it "a right strawy epistle." But the book of James is definitely a Christian writing and shows no weakness as to the significance of faith. It emphasizes the kind of faith that bears fruit rather than wasting its vitality in mere religious foliage. It came from a realistic, virile, and practical mind.

The Lesson Explained

ENDURING TRIALS (vv. 1-4, 12)
Verse 1 is the greeting or salutation, with the writer's name coming first. Traditionally, this "James" has been identified as the brother of Jesus, mentioned several times in the New Testament as the leader of the Jerusalem church. The "twelve tribes" may represent Jewish believers living outside Palestine.

James urges his readers to rejoice when they must endure various trials (better than "divers temptations"). He knew they were having problems; they must look on those experiences as tests of their faith. Such tests would produce steadfastness or durability. As they continued steadfast through life, they would become mature and reach the goal God had in mind for them. Thus, they would not lack anything.

Verse 12 is a beatitude for those who endure trial (a better translation than "temptation"). This trial comes from outside the person rather than inside. It tests his relationship with God. If he endures, "he will be given life, the prize which God has promised to those who love him" (TEV). Because we will not be tested beyond our ability, the endurance is up to us.

PRAYING FOR WISDOM (vv. 5-8)

You may wonder why James turned quickly from endurance to wisdom. This is a characteristic feature of this

kind of writing: letting one idea suggest another one that may not be obviously related. Writing about being "perfect" must have reminded James of "wisdom" as essential to being complete. Wisdom is not a matter of education; it is the ability to live a happy and useful life by God's pattern. God will supply that gift to the person who prays "in faith." He will not chide him, but God expects him to pray with full confidence. If one minute he depends on God and the next he looks for help somewhere else, he is as unstable as a wave. God will not respond to the person with two sets of loyalties.

EVALUATING MATERIAL THINGS (vv. 9-11)

Speaking of being "double minded" may have led James to think of the way some people depend on material things. Here and elsewhere he shows strong feelings against people of wealth. Some scholars say that James seems to see the poor as good and the rich as evil. In verse 9 he calls on the poor brother to rejoice because he has been exalted, probably because he has been accepted by God for eternal life. Verses 10-11 are not easy to interpret. Is he referring to the rich church member? If so, it is not the rich man who will "fade away" but his dependence on things as "he is made low" in real faith in God. Or disaster might bring him down to discover the reality of faith. In any case, material things have no real value.

FACING UP TO TEMPTATION (vv. 13-15)

James had been using the word for "tempt" in the sense of "testing," but here it means "enticing to do evil." He warns his readers against blaming God for their temptations. Most people try to blame someone else for their mistakes. Because God always knows the difference between right and wrong, he "cannot be tempted." Furthermore, he does not tempt anyone. Nor does James blame temptation on the devil, one's friends, or one's enemies.

Temptation begins in a person's own desire. At first, it may seem small, but it grows in attractiveness and appeal until the person is trapped. Then James used the figure of birth and growth to picture the results of that yielding. Sin is the child of that desire, and eventually sin bears death. Temptation occurs on the inside of a person when he lacks the wisdom to manage his desires. This, too, is a test of faith.



Bissell Church Burns Note

Bissell Baptist Church, Tupelo, has burned the note on its auditorium built in 1967. Involved in the burning are, left to right, J. W. Walker, church treasurer; Lamar Snipes, chairman of the building committee; G. L. Ford, pastor; and Claude Duke, chairman of deacons.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For May 1

Some Guidelines For Public Worship

By Bill Duncan
First, Long Beach
I Timothy 2:1-15

It must be pleasing to God for His people to gather in His presence in a place dedicated to His worship. Their adoration, their prayers and praise and their communion with Him must be sweet fragrance to Him.

Our present day congregational worship has been influenced by many things. The primary biblical elements of worship come from the practices of Judaism and the apostolic church.

Judaism provided more than a backdrop for the Christian faith. In the early days it provided the stage. When Christianity separated from Judaism, it took with it many worship patterns and forms. The Temple worship was built around sacrifices, prayer and praise in song. The synagogue was developed in local communities and the teaching of the law and the prophets became central in worship. In the synagogue the ruler of the synagogue shared the worship leadership with members of the congregation rather than the highly organized priesthood. There was reading of the scriptures, informal services of praise, prayer and exhortation. The congregation participated in the praise, the prayers and the recitation of the Ten Commandments and the Shema.

When the early Christians began to develop their own distinctive worship, this worship was developed after the

pattern of the synagogue worship. "They continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers... praising God and having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:42-47). The worship consisted of the reading of the scriptures, exhortation, praise, prayer and offering. In addition to the synagogue worship elements of the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper were added.

New Testament worship was simple and informal. Participation by the people was encouraged. To insist upon freedom and informality should not encourage license or formlessness. There is no set way to arrange or to plan worship, but there are certain elements of worship and certain principles which give guidance in planning.

Prayer has been called the soul of worship. Prayer, more than any other part of worship, captures the essence of worship. It recognizes God because it addresses Him. It commences with God because communion with God is its reason for being. It is offering because the Christian cannot really converse with God and withhold from Him.

Paul says that there are different ways to pray. On our Bible passages, there are four different words for prayer. They cannot be sharply distinguished. But they do tell us the way to pray.

1. Request: Prayer begins with a sense of need and causes us to make our request known to God.
2. Prayer: There are some needs that are spiritual in nature and only God can satisfy them, such

as forgiveness and strength.
3. Petition: Experience tells us that the way to God stands open to us and there is given to us this priceless gift of intimate talk with God.
4. Thanksgiving: Prayer does more than ask God for things; prayer also means thanking God for things.
5. Intercession: Prayer should be expressed for others and definitely for kings and emperors and those who have responsibility of authority.

The aim of prayer in worship is that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. Prayer puts at one's disposal divine aid.

The universality in prayer is "good and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." It pleases God. He wants all men to be saved and enjoy the worship of God in prayer.

Having rebuked the narrowness of opponents by insisting upon universality in prayer, Paul now rebukes their squabbling by giving orders concerning the proper conduct of public worship.

Paul encourages the church to pray wherever the Christians are joined together in worship or wherever the gospel is preached. In suggesting that the people lift their hands he alludes to the common form of prayer. He does not prescribe a form of prayer. To stretch forth holy hands would mean to pray with pure intention.

The place of women in public worship must keep in mind the historical setting for the scriptures. In the Jewish synagogue women played no role in public worship; only men were

permitted to pray aloud. Christianity broke down the barrier and allowed women to participate in worship. This newly-won freedom posed considerable problems regarding customs accepted in pagan and Jewish society.

Paul urges the women to be adorned with good deeds rather than elaborate fashions. The flaunting of wealth was offensive. He does not speak against proper grooming but the abuse of fashion.

In order to stop some of the turmoil, Paul instructs women to learn in silence with all submissiveness. Paul sustains that women voluntarily submit to their husbands by citing the creation stories of Genesis. Paul insists that the women do what God intended them to do—marry and bear children and "continue in faith, love and holiness with modesty." The role of women is to be an attitude of moderation.

The reason that Paul suggested the lesser role for women was that the outsiders (and some insiders) would have misunderstood their motives. He did not want the women speaking and teaching in the church at Ephesus because the community might think it was a gathering place of loose and immoral women.

In today's church women as well as men should be modest and maintain high principles. The place of leadership of a woman must be considered in light of the situation, need and circumstances. There should not be confusion and division created by the role of women. The public worship services should develop a congregation where individual Christians find strength and inspiration for living and witnessing.